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Further information on UA 228/94 (ASA 21/18/94, 13 June 1994) - "Disappearance" / Fear of Torture

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR: Filomeno da Silva Pereira, 37
Francisco Miranda Branco, 44
Gregorio da Cunha Saldanha, 31
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The six East Timorese prisoners of conscience named above, earlier reported as "disappeared", are now understood to be in custody in the city of Semarang, Central Java. Indonesian military and Ministry of Justice officials confirmed on 13 June that the six, who had been taken from their cells at Comarca prison in Dili late last week, had been transferred over the weekend of 11/12 June.

The six had managed stage a small pro-independence protest during a prison visit by foreign journalists in April, and it appears likely that they were moved to avoid further embarrassment to the Indonesian authorities during future official visits to East Timor. The timing of the move suggests that the move might be intended to prevent the prisoners from meeting the UN Special Rapporteur on Summary, Arbitrary and Extra-judicial Executions, who is due to visit East Timor - but not Semarang - early in July.

Amnesty International welcomes the official clarification about the whereabouts of the six, but regrets that the authorities failed to inform relatives in advance of the move, thereby causing considerable distress and concern for the prisoners' safety. It is also concerned that the prisoners are now being held hundreds of miles from their homes, making visits by relatives and friends extremely difficult. Finally, in Amnesty International's view, the six prisoners of conscience and should therefore be released promptly and unconditionally.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: You may wish to send telegrams, telexes, faxes, express and airmail letters:

- expressing concern that the authorities transferred the six prisoners of conscience named above (please list all the names) without informing their relatives, thereby causing distress to the latter, and giving rise to serious concern for the prisoners' safety;
- expressing concern that the six have been transferred to a prison far from their homes, making visits by relatives and friends very difficult;
- urging the government to release immediately the six prisoners and all those held for their non-violent political activities in Indonesia and East Timor.

☎ (44)(71) 413 5500 Telegrams: Amnesty London WC1 Telex: 28502 FAX: 956 1157

Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the *release* of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used or advocated violence. These are termed *prisoners of conscience.* It works for *fair and prompt trials* for *all political prisoners* and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the *death penalty* and *torture* or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of *all prisoners.*

APPEALS TO

1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE
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Indonesia
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Telegrams: Justice Minister, Jakarta, Indonesia
Salutation: Dear Minister Utoyo Usman

2. MILITARY COMMANDER REGION IX
(covers Bali, Lombok and Nusa Tenggara
including East Timor)
Brigadier-General R. Adang Ruchiatna
Pangdam IX/Udayana
Markas Besar KODAM IX Udayana
Denpasar
Bali, Indonesia
Telegrams: Pangdam IX/Udayana, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia
Salutation: Dear Brigadier-General Adang Ruchiatna

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Lt. Gen. (Ret) Ali Said
Chairman, National Commission on Human Rights
c/o Directorat Jenderal Pemasyarakatan
Jl. Veteran No. 11
Jakarta Pusat
Indonesia

and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 25 July 1994.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended actions. If possible, send a telegram, telex, fax or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Actions cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly on behalf of victims of grave human rights violations. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action co-ordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.